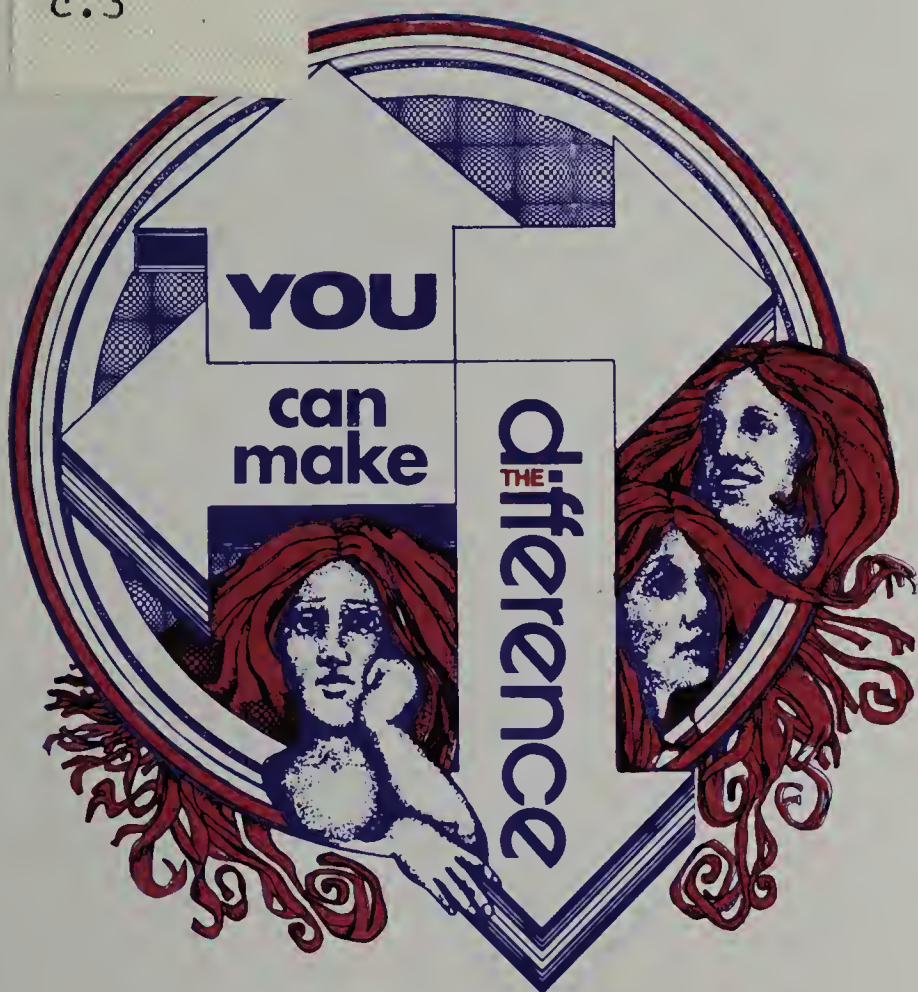


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for teens who may:

talk strangely

dress differently

do poorly in school

drop out of school

break laws

run away from home

use drugs or alcohol

experiment sexually



these teens need:

to feel they have worth
to know they can achieve
to feel wanted
to be able to depend upon an adult
to believe it's worthwhile to change
to believe they can change

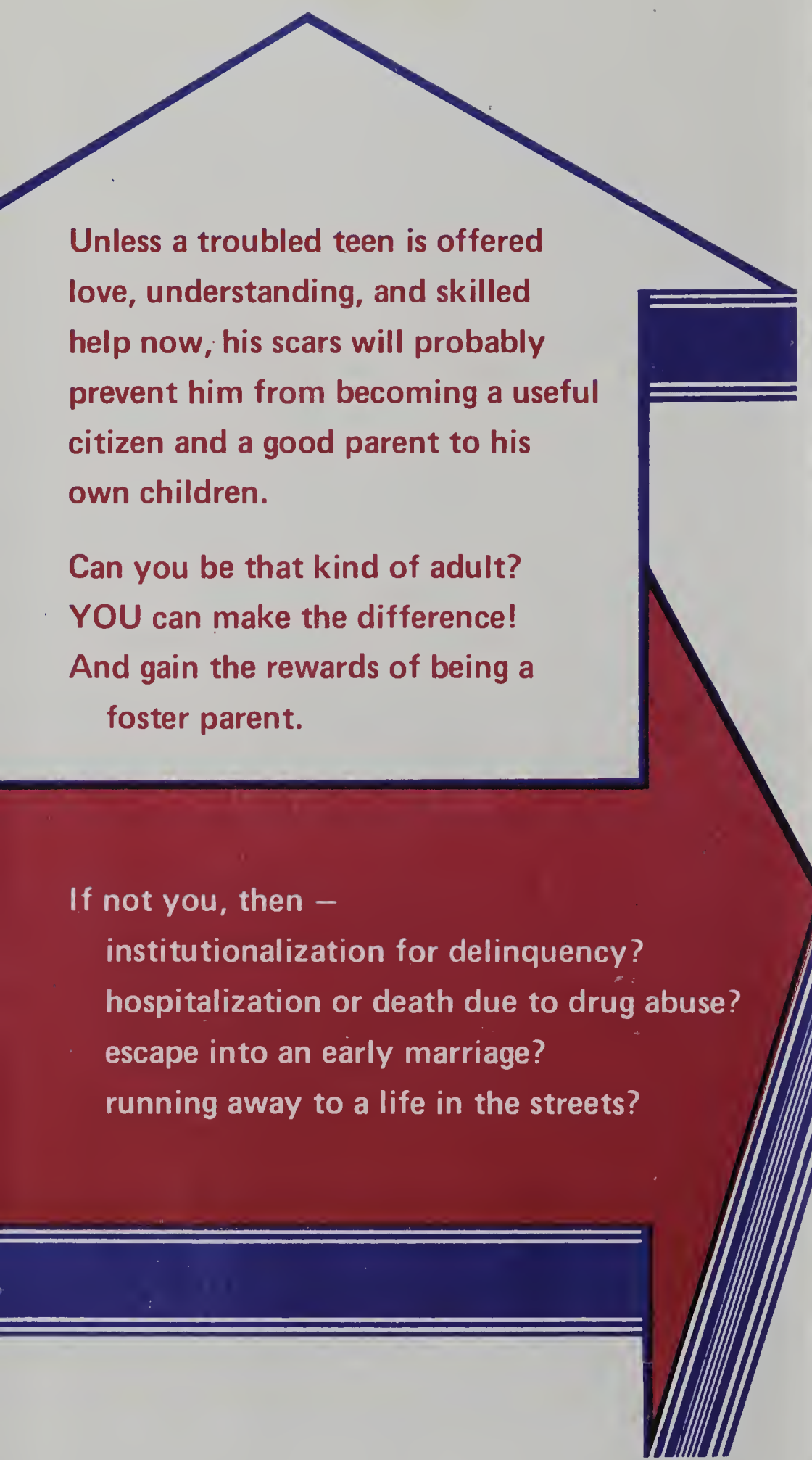
— and

they need to know some adults who:

will listen to them
respect their ideas
set fair and consistent limits
answer them courteously
give them appropriate responsibility
give attention when they do worthwhile things
will be a friend
will be a model of a mature adult

Be the
difference!

When natural parents can
no longer provide help and
guidance—because of family
breakdown, illness, death—
other stable, dependable
adults are needed—
to be foster parents



Unless a troubled teen is offered love, understanding, and skilled help now, his scars will probably prevent him from becoming a useful citizen and a good parent to his own children.

Can you be that kind of adult?
YOU can make the difference!
And gain the rewards of being a foster parent.

If not you, then —
institutionalization for delinquency?
hospitalization or death due to drug abuse?
escape into an early marriage?
running away to a life in the streets?

Be the difference!

So that you can care for children not your own, your home must meet minimum child care standards and be licensed.

You must have:

- adequate space
- adequate income
- general good health
- maturity and flexibility

... and a willingness to work as a team member for the benefit of a child.

The Department of Children and Family Services will give you training and casework support.

For information on foster parenting, contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Look in your telephone directory under "Illinois, State of." In Cook County, get in touch with the DCFS Cook County Central Resource Development unit at 2020 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago 60608, telephone 793-2160.

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